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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 8,

Line 42, "fennel-shaped" should read -- funnel-shaped --.

Column 9,

Line 47, "is seated in adjacent" should read -- is sealed adjacent --.

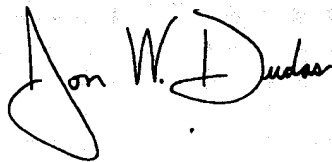
Column 10,

Line 45, "diffusion-tight scaling foil" should read -- diffusion-tight sealing foil --.

Line 52, "diagram" should read -- diaphragm --.

Signed and Sealed this

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